

RESOLUTION 10-2008

RESOLUTION TO PLACE WEED MILLS ON THE JUNE BALLOT

WHEREAS, 7-22-2142, MCA, permits the governing body of a county to raise money by taxation for Noxious Weed Control in excess of the levies allowed by law, subject to the provisions of 15-10-420, MCA, and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Weed Board has requested the governing body of Jefferson County place a Special Weed District Mill on the June 2008 primary election ballot in increase the levy by three (3) mills, based on the estimated value of one mill being twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000). The extra funds will be used for the following:

A. An allocation of two (2) mills, approximately Forty-Two Thousand dollars (\$42,000) will be used to support the county-wide herbicide cost share program. Thus allowing residents and landowners to acquire herbicides at a reduced cost and provide some reimbursement of other herbicide cost.

B. One (1) mill, approximately Twenty-One Thousand dollars (\$21,000), will be allocated to the following activities:

1. Nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) will be used for weed control in the municipalities, cemeteries, ball fields, rodeo grounds, and other areas designated as having public interest.

2. The District will use five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for educational programs to promote good land stewardship, aid residents in obtaining applicator licenses and inform people in the safe and correct use of herbicides.

3. Seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) to research and apply techniques to work on specific location and weed problems and mitigating methods, bio-control, and weed mapping and inventory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, pursuant to 7-22-2142, MCA, hereby declare a financial need to seek additional mills for the Jefferson County Weed Board and will place before the qualified electors a noxious weed control mill on the June 2008 primary ballot requesting three (3) mills for the Jefferson County Weed District for a period not to exceed four (4) years and shall place the question as follows:

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL MILL BALLOT

The proposed ballot measure would increase tax liability for the 2009 tax year and for the four tax years thereafter, in the amount of 3 mills so as to generate approximately \$63,000 per year for use by the Jefferson County Weed Board during the Fiscal year 2009 and for three additional fiscal years thereafter for the following:

1. An allocation of Forty-Two Thousand dollars (\$42,000), will be used to support the county-wide herbicide cost share program, thus allowing residents and landowners to acquire herbicides at reduced cost.

2. Nine Thousand dollars (\$9,000) will be used for weed control in the municipalities, cemeteries, ball fields, rodeo grounds, and other areas designated as having public interest.

3. The District will use Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) for educational programs to promote good land stewardship, aid residents in obtaining applicator license and inform people in the safe and correct use of herbicides.

4. The District shall use the remaining amount, approximately Seven Thousand dollars (\$7,000) to research and apply techniques to work on specific location and weed problems and mitigating methods, bio-control, and weed mapping and inventory. Any remaining amounts will be used for District operations and special community projects.

The tax impact of the election of three (3) mills on a residence will a phase-in value of fifty thousand (\$50,000) would be \$3.15; one hundred thousand (\$100,000) would be approximately \$6.30; on a residence with a phase-in value of two hundred thousand (\$200,000) would be approximately \$12.60.

☐ FOR authorizing an additional three (3) mills for the Jefferson County Weed Board

☐ AGAINST authorizing an additional three (3) mills for the Jefferson County Weed Board

DATED this 11th day of March, 2008.

ATTEST:

BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER

KEN WEBER, CHAIR

TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, COMMISSIONER

CHUCK NOTBOHM, COMMISSIONER